

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, City of Monticello, Indiana was held on Monday, October 20, 2008 at 6:00 pm. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jason Thompson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call by Clerk Treasurer Liz Oilar was answered by Mayor Jason Thompson, Council Members Dave Kelly, Jim Mann, Grace Oilar, Bill Smith, and Eric Storm, and City Attorney George Loy.

There being no additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of the meeting on October 6, 2008, a motion was made by Council Member Grace Oilar, seconded by Council Member Bill Smith, to approve the minutes as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Citizen Participation

Tom and Sheila Nicely, 1117 E. Ohio Street, addressed the Council with their concerns for sewer and water service along East Ohio Street. They are wondering what they need to do to get this project started. Board of Works member Phil Vogel let them know that there is a study being done right now on this issue. The Council explained the benefits and the issues of the study to the Nicely's. They asked when the next Council meeting was and indicated they would be attending.

Department Heads Reports

Wastewater Superintendent Joe Mowrer is away on business so Mayor Thompson spoke on his behalf. The application for the hybrid land permit has been submitted. All information for the National Homes grant has been submitted to KIRPC. Demolition of the house on the wastewater plant property will begin on November 1, 2008.

Police Chief Curt Blount stated that everything is running smoothly. Officer Stroup is in his second week of K9 School. Next Monday carpet is going to be installed in the Police Department.

Water Superintendent Rod Pool stated that everything is pretty normal. They are doing shut-offs tomorrow.

Park Superintendent Mitch Billue stated that the paving project at Voigt Park is completed. Walmart and the Boy Scouts have volunteered to help put up Christmas decorations at the park. This will start the first weekend in November. They are preparing to do some work at Bluewater and on First Street.

Street Superintendent Doug Roberts stated that the paving projects are finished. Sidewalks are almost completed. Leaf pickup has started. He is asking the residents of the City to keep the leaves on the curb and sidewalks through the newspaper. The brush needs to be separated out from the leaves. He talked to the Sheriff today and the Correction's department will help with the leaf pickup. He expects to finish up the first of December.

Fire Chief Shane Swaim stated that they are working on refurbishing their boat. They received \$6,367.99 from the Lake Shafer Wellness Association. This money went directly to buy a 50 horse motor for the boat. He hopes to have this project done in about a month. Next Tuesday

they are part of the hospital move. At 7:00 a.m. that morning the new ER opens and from that point on that's where they will be transporting patients. They are using this as a District 4 training, evacuation from one building to another. Fire Prevention Week went well. The Open House they had that week was one of the biggest they have ever had. He met with KIRPC about funds for the aerial truck. They gave him a few good ideas for funding. He is also working on a grant through them. Everything is going well and they are keeping busy.

Consideration of Matching Funds for Skate Park – Parks Department

Park Superintendent Mitch Billue gave the Council information about the Skate Park project last meeting. One of the options he is looking into is generating matching funds through a volunteer group and the City matching those funds. 25% of the total monies generated, through the matching funds and the City's contribution, would be given to the City to purchase playground equipment from a certain company. This will give 25% more equipment than the actual money raised. The City's match will come from the 2009 park's budget. Council member Grace Oilar made the motion to make the amount \$10,000.00 for the matching funds for the Skate Park volunteer group, seconded by Council member Jim Mann. All ayes, motion carried.

Consideration of Court Costs Funds – Requesting Balance into Law Enforcement Continuing Ed – New Equipment – Police Department

Police Chief Curt Blount gave the Council a letter requesting the balance of the Court Costs funds from the spring. The original balance was \$21,340.80. The Council paid for nine tasers and two shotguns with the balance going to the Police department as soon as the 2008 budget was approved. Chief Blount is requesting the balance of \$12,385.86 to purchase rifles and ammo. Council member Eric Storm made the motion to approve Chief Blount's request for the balance of the Court Costs funds, seconded by Council member Bill Smith. All ayes, motion carried.

Presentation of North Star for Branding City of Monticello

Don McEachern, CEO North Star, addressed the Council and talked about Community Branding. A Brand is a way to be as competitive as you can as a community. A Brand has three parts. Part one is a Brand Identity, part two Brand Actions, and part three Brand Image. His company has been doing this for about eight years. Through their research of our community, they would be able to tell us what is relevant and distinct about Monticello. This will help promote our community, the chamber, and economic development. This whole process would take about ten months to complete. North Star would give us their best recommendations and it is up to the City as to what they will do with this information. North Star's cost would be based upon a critical mass of hours. Mayor Thompson stated that one of the funding sources the City would have to pay for this service is TIF revenue.

Accounts Payable

Council member Grace Oilar made the motion to approve the accounts payable as presented, seconded by Council member Bill Smith. All ayes, motion carried.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Liz Oilar
Clerk Treasurer